

February 28, 2013

Mayor Curran opened the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Paul Rideout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Joseph Cerami, reporters from the Chatham Courier and the Columbia Paper and 16 people in the audience.

#### First Public Comment Period

Nancy Thaler stated she was concerned with this regular meeting being held because she did not see it advertised other than a bid opening for the new ladder truck. She commented that she felt any guidelines presented could be null and void.

Tom Crowell representing the Columbia Land Conservancy and the Chatham Brewing Company encouraged the Board to come to an agreement with CSX regarding the parking lot behind Main Street by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. He also offered to help the Village secure a grant for this project.

Karen Kaczmar, owner of Chatham Liquor also encouraged the Board to sign the lease agreement with CSX and suggested that maybe the community and the Chatham Area Business Alliance would be able to help out financially with the parking lot refurbishment.

Scott Wood of Metz Wood Harder Insurance expressed his support of the Board signing the lease with CSX stating that this was not just a Village issue but a business community issue as well. He also prompted the Board to vote in favor of purchasing a new aerial ladder truck for the fire department since the Village has many 3 story buildings.

Parry Teasdale representing CABA stated that the business alliance would like to help find a solution to affording the parking lot behind Main Street. He stated that they are not pledging funds but they would like to offer any help to secure the lease.

#### Old Business

The Board discussed the one year lease agreement with CSX and the need to place barriers in the lot. CSX will not go further with the agreement unless the Village agrees to place these barriers. The Mayor stated that he will contact the Town of Chatham to see if they may be interested in helping to fund this project.

Resolution # 154 was made by Trustee Del Rossi stating that she was limiting her motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a one year lease agreement with CSX for \$800 pending further discussions with CABA and others. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

#### New Business

The Mayor opened the bids for the new aerial ladder truck for the fire department at 5:18 pm. Nichols Fire (E- One) presented a bid of \$613,999 and Tyler Fire Equipment ( Pierce) presented a bid of \$612,076. These specifications will be reviewed by the Fire Department before the final approval.

Resolution # 155 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to adopt the “Extract of Minutes” stating the dollar amount is not to exceed \$620,000 and to have the Village Clerk make the appropriate changes to this document. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Del Rossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Mayor Curran stated that he has been consulting with Christine Chale and the Village may start with a BAN and later transfer to a BOND because the School Street BAN will be paid in November 2014.

Fire Chief Paul Pratt stated that the Fire Department is willing to give the Village \$20,000 toward the first payment of the ladder truck.

Resolution # 156 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to allow the fire department to dispose of the old ladder truck for salvage value. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Del Rossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 157 was made by Trustee Packet to appoint Peter Wenk as the Voting Machine Custodian. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Del Rossi  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

#### Correspondence

A letter was received from Rusty Vazac encouraging the Board to go ahead with the purchase of the aerial ladder truck for the fire department.

A letter from a resident asking for sewer relief for his property was tabled until the March 14, 2013 Board meeting.

#### Second Public Comment Period

Maria De Marco asked the Mayor how many parking spaces were used by businesses vs. tenants in the Public Parking lot on Main Street and stated that tenants may be financially interested in purchasing lot space.

Dan Brackett asked the Board if this meeting was advertised anywhere in the newspapers other than for the Bid opening of the Fire Truck. Mayor Curran stated that it was the advice of our attorney to add the CSX matter to this meeting.

Ms. De Marco asked the Board if having this regular meeting of the Board would have any impact on jeopardizing what was discussed.

Resolution # 158 was made by Trustee Packet to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Del Rossi  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

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Village Clerk